loading of rakes and under billing have been detected in Coal India Limited due to which there is loss of revenue worth crores of rupees every year; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken or are propose to be taken by Government to curb such malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) There have been complaints about over loading and under loading of wagons in Coal India Limited. However, where wagons are weighed in collieries or Railway Yards and over loading is detected, the consumer has to pay the freight and price of the actual quantity of coal. In the case of non-weighed wagons (mostly Box 'N') the R.R. is made on volumetric basis. There have been complaints mostly of underloading of these wagons. A crash programme of installation of Electronic weighbridges is being taken up on those points where Box 'N' wagons cannot be weighed at present and also on other points where weighbridges are necessary.

Delay in on-going hydel projects

719. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the ongoing hydel projects which have been delayed and the period by which these projects have been delayed at the end of 1985;

(b) what are the major constraints in their completion and by when according to the new assessment these projects are likely to be completed and commissioned;

(c) what is the estimated cost escalation in respect of each of these projects; and

(d) what is the Central machinery, if any, responsible for monitoring the progress in the implementation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) Out of 28 hydro units with a capacity of 1167.5 MW programmed for commissioning during 1985-86, 3 units with a total capacity of 95.5 MW are likely to slip. The delay in commissioning of these units is likely to be about 6 to 9 months which is primarily due to slippages in completion of civil construction and hydro mechanical works. Escalation in cost in respect of these units will be known after the projects are completed. These units are likely to be commissioned during 1986-87.

(d) The Central Electricity Authority is monitoring the implementation of these Projects.

Coal quota for Jammu and Kashmir

720. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that quota of coal for Jammu and Kashmir has not been released for the last so many years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that coal issued to brick kilns is of inferior quality causing heavy losses to the owners and for which complaints have already been submitted to Government; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to raise the quota in the near future and arrange to supply superior quality of coal to the brick kilns?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir. The consumer-wise despatches of

coal to J&K for the last two years are as follows:

(Figures in tonnes)

	1983-84	1984-85
Cement Plant	33,000	27,000
Textile Rayon	1,000	—
Soft Coke	1,000	1,000
Hard Coke	3,000	7,000
Other Industries	26,000	50,000
	64,000	85,000

(b) and (c) Coal supplies to Brick Kiln Units is generally of grades D, E, F, and Washery Grades III & IV. These units have the option to select any of these grades and lift coal from any of the collieries specified for the supply of such grades of coal. Recently, collieries producing better grade coal have also been included for supply to BRK units. After having detailed discussions with All India Brick and Tile Manufacturers' Federation, CIL have agreed to load 15 rakes for Brick Kiln Units from Jharia field subject to the concurrence of the Railways for this movement.

Chamera Project to cost more

721. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared on P. 1, Cols. 2—5 of the Economic Times dated 27th December, 1985 under the heading "Chamera Project to cost more"; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to check this?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government's attention has been drawn to the report under the heading "Chamera project to cost Govt. dear." The report does not reflect correctly the factual position in regard to the project.

Awarding of HBJ gas pipeline contract

722. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee of Secretaries set up by Government to reevaluate the award of the contract for the Hazira-Bijaipur-Jagdishpur gas pipeline project in Gujarat is likely to submit its report before the deadline in April, 1986 for the commencement of the project;

(b) what are the particulars of the various consortia which are being considered for the award of the contract;

(c) the criteria which are being kept in view while awarding the contract;

(d) whether the advantage of giving a substantial role to Indian Communication Limited, ICI and Dodsal in the manufacture of various critical items for the project, is also being kept in view;

(e) whether any final decision to award the contract has so far been taken if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons for the delay in taking a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The Committee has submitted its report.

(b) Bids in complete shape for the HBJ Pipeline have been received from four consortia. The leaders of these consortia are SPIE CAPAG, CONDUX, SNAMPROGETTI and NOVA CORP.